

**Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada**

July 3, 2022

10:30 a.m.

4nd After Pentecost

Central Queens Mission Statement

Central Queens United Church is a loving and living community called to support the life stages of all people; celebrating joy and sharing in pain. Through faith and fellowship we are united by God's love to live and serve as Disciples of Christ.

Gathering for Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

There was a person who did such amazing things - said such wonderful things - that great crowds of people followed him everywhere. One day they ask him, "Who are you?" He said, "I am the light."

Quiet Preparation for Worship (Bible is brought forward during the quiet time)

***Introit** "Come All You People"

MV #2

Call to Worship

Make a joyful sound to the Holy One. Let the earth rejoice.

How awesome are your works, O Sovereign!

**Creation groans under the pressure of war,
environmental abuse, and communal disconnection.**

We cry out to you, Present God, and you hear and respond.

**You turn our mourning into movement and stir our souls to
action and to rest.**

Everlasting God, we will give thanks and praise you for you clothe
us in joy and peace.

***Hymn** “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

VU #371

Opening Prayer

**God with us, you send us into the world as your agents of
renewal and change. You speak to us in the stillness of our rest
and the chaos of a frenzied world. You guide us in troubling
times, and you move us to dance in celebration. We give thanks
for your presence among us. Open the generosity of our lives
as we worship you, Holy and Living God. Amen.**

With Jesus, we share in the ancient prayer...

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy Kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread;

**and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Psalm 30

VU #757

***Hymn** "River Running in You and Me"

MV #163 vv. 1, 2

All God's Children

***Hymn** "River Running in You and Me"

MV #163 v. 3

Call to Confession

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

**Spirit of the Living God, temptation surrounds us.
Self-preservation lures us to indifference. Fear of confrontation
coaxes us to keep silent about things that matter. The desire to
be right entices us to ignore the cries of our neighbours. Too
often we ignore the call to go, in favour of staying stuck in our
attitudes and behaviors. Too often, we are the ones who refuse
to welcome you into our intimate space, who resist the work of
transformation, and who remain unresponsive to the burdens of
our siblings in creation. Spirit of Gentleness, redirect us back to
the path of life, the way of justice, and the hope of peace. Amen.**

Assurance of Amazing Love

Our Companion and Advocate takes this journey with us. Our invitation to make the kingdom of God our dwelling place continually opens new possibilities. The Righteous One opens the door and eases our entry into new life, new mercy, and new grace.

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

The *generous life* responds to the call to support and burden sharing. The *generous life* recognizes the abundance of creation and trusts the generosity of the Giver of every good and perfect gift. The *generous life* follows the steps of Jesus in meeting needs, spreading hope, and sharing love. We give as we are able, we give as we are called. Your gifts will now be presented.

Offertory

***Presentation of Offering** “You Nourish Us” VU #545

Offertory Prayer

Creator, bless these gifts that we bring to this community and the world. May our time be used preciousy, our treasure shared faithfully, and our talents demonstrated wonderfully in your name. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Word

Galatians 6:1–16

My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the

world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Luke 10:1–11,16–20

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’

“Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.” The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your

name even the demons submit to us!” He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Healing God,
we come before you with wounds in our hearts and in our bodies:
 illnesses and griefs;
 difficult relationships;
 financial problems;
 pain we have inflicted and pain we carry.

We seek your help.

For our friends and family members:
for our congregation and our community:
for those we do not know, here and abroad:

We ask your tender arms surround those in pain.

May there be healing where healing is possible.

May all know your loving, caring presence.

Remind us that we can, each of us, be the means of carrying your love to others.

We can be your hands and feet in this world, no matter how strong or how smart we are.

Help us to see how we can shine the light of your love and care to those who need to see it and be warmed by it. Amen.

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** “Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

VU #563

***Benediction**

Go on your way into the harvest as labourers bringing good news into a world of need.

Go on your way as companions of one another, of the Spirit, and of Christ.

Go on your way in the assurance that the God of peace goes with you, before you, and behind you. Go in peace. Amen.

***Choral Benediction** “Behold, Behold I Make All Things New” MV #115

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.